(c) and (d) A number of techniques and drugs are being used in different hospitals in the country to alleviate the problems of Thalassemic patients.

Leprosy cases in Andhra Pradesh

4833. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether leprosy cases are on the rise in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in the State during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to eliminate leprosy from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) District-wise number of leprosy cases in the State during the last three years are given at Statement (*see* below).

(c) The following steps are being taken by the Government to eliminate leprosy in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) State Leprosy Society has been formed in the State for disbursement of fund to all the District Societies and for overall planning, supervision and monitoring of the programme.

(ii) The State has initiated steps for integration of leprosy with general Health care services for increasing outreach of the leprosy services.

(iii) Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign (MLEC) for detection of Hidden cases was conducted in the State in the year 2001-02 in which 2794 new cases were detected and were given Multi Drug Therapy (MDT). During MLEC an intensified public awareness campaign was also undertaken.

(iv) Training has been given to all the general health care staff in leprosy.

(v) Training of health staff in disability prevention and care has been planned from current year.

(vi) Grant-in-aid for undertaking survey, education and treatment is being given to the NGOs selected by State Government.

Statement

District-wise and year-wise number of Leprosy cases in Andhra Pradesh during last Three years

S. No.	Name of District	Prevalence of cases at the end of		
		31.03.2000	31.03.2001	31.03.2002 (P)
1.	Srikakulam	1520	962	884
2.	Vijayanagaram	1353	1045	1072
3.	Vishakapatnam	2872	1398	1268
4.	East Godavari	1046	2283	1854
5.	West Godavari	1101	917	1038
6.	Krishna	2763	1798	1662
7.	Guntur	2435	2774	1826
8.	Prakasam	746	1084	664
9.	Nellore	1553	736	847
10.	Chittoor	1623	1401	1354
11.	Ananthapur	1826	1511	1611
12.	Cuddapah	1768	1305	1150
13.	Kurnool	1825	1207	1037
14.	Khammam	1451	897	947
15.	Warangal	1950	1142	775
16.	Adilabad	1783	1244	983
17.	Karimnagar	3063	1829	1476
18.	Nizamabad	476	641	530
19.	Nalgonda	650	509	947
20.	Medak	1240	971	362
21.	Mahaboobnagar	1765	1168	1457
22.	Ranga Reddy	1071	619	709
23.	Hyderabad	600	583	553
	TOTAL:	36480	28024	25006

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